FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S489, as Amended

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TO: The Honorable Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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AUTHOR: Senator Hayes PRIMARY CODE CITE: 1-11-720

SUBJECT: State Health Plan

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends Section 1-11-720, as amended, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, relating to entities whose employees, retirees, and their dependents are eligible to participate in the state health and dental insurance plans, so as to extend this eligibility to the Children's Trust Fund, certain residential group facilities, federally qualified health centers, County First Steps Partnerships and Palmetto Pride.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The identified groups that would be eligible to participate in the state health and dental plans would also be required to comply with Section 1-11-720(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws which obligates any participating employer to abide by the rules of the Board for insurance for optional employers. This statute allows the Board to establish premiums during the coverage period based on experience. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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